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SUBJ: TURKISH STAND ON ISRAEL SUSPENSION ISSUE

REF A) STATE 175558, B) STATE 176630

1. MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS DIRECTOR SOYLEMEZ TOLD EMBOFF JULY 31 THAT GOT HAD NOT RPT NOT DECIDED ITS POSITION ON ISRAEL SUSPENSION ISSUE AT UPCOMING SESSION OF UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. TURKEY'S PRIME HOPE IS THAT THE ISSUE WILL NOT SURFACE AT THE GA,HE SAID, BECAUSE GOT IS IN A "DIFFICULT SITUATION". GOT HAS "NO INTEREST" IN EXPELLING OR SUSPENDING ISRAEL FROM THE UN AND CANNOT SEE HOW SAID ACTION WOULD BENEFIT THE ARABS. NEVERTHELESS, TURKEY IS CAUGHT ON THE HORNS OF A DILEMNA: A VOTE TO EXPEL OR SUSPEND ISRAEL WOULD PLACE TURKEY IN OPPOSITION TO THE POSITION OF THE WESTERN COUNTRIES AND ALMOST IRREVOCABLY DAMAGE ITS CHANCES WITH U.S. CONGRESS FOR A RESTORATION OF MILITARY AID; A VOTE AGAINST EXPELLING OR SUSPENDING ISRAEL WOULD COST TURKEY THE SUPPORT OF ARAB AND OTHER THIRD WORLD NATIONS IT IS COUNTING ON FOR POLITCAL ASSISTANCE ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AS A RESULT OF THE ARMS EMBARGO. FURTHER, GIVEN THE PROPENSITY ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ISSUE TO CONCLUDE THAT "IF YOU ARE NOT WITH US, YOU ARE AGAINST US", ABSTAINING OR NOT SHOWING UP FOR THE VOTE WOULD LIKELY BE QUITE DAMAGING TO TURKISH INTERESTS.

2. AS A RESULT, GOT COULD NOT RPT NOT ENGAGE IN "MISSIONARY EFFORT" WITH LDC'S PRIOR TO LIMA CONFERENCE (REFTEL B). SOYLEMEZ PREDICTED THAT THE TURKISH DECISION ON THIS ISSUE WILL BE A POLITICAL ONE, TAKEN AS A "LAST RESORT". THE GOT IS QUITE AWARE OF THE LEGAL SOUNDNESS OF THE US POSITION (SOYLEMEZ POINTED OUT THAT GOT HAD ABSTAINED IN UNGA SOUTH AFRICA RESOLUTION BECAUSE OF ITS UNWILLINGNESS TO SET SUCH A PRECEDENT AND BECAUSE OF THE LEGAL WEAKNESS OF THE DECISION, EVEN THOUGH TURKEY WAS IN FAVOR OF ACTION AGAINST
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SOUTH AFRICA), NEVERTHELESS, THE ULTIMATE DECISION ON ISRAEL WILL HAVE TO BE BASED ON POLITICAL REALITIES.
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